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## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. MBHB03-1070 (400/139))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

McSwiggen, et al.

Serial No. 10/727,780

Filed: December 3, 2003

Title      Inhibition Of Gene Expression  
Using Duplex Forming  
Oligonucleotides

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1645

Confirmation No.: 7111

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Preliminary Amendment
  - b) Supplemental Application Data Sheet
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) It is believed no fee is due at this time.
3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION: Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on April 7, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered in the above-mentioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-1249.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.